## ND EMS Update – COVID-19 4/19/2020

## Daily Reminders/Misc.

- Watch Governor Burgum's update Monday through Friday (unless otherwise noted) at 3:30 PM (available on local news or NDDOH social media).
- Governor Burgum had a special update on Saturday (4/18).
- All previous updates are archived on our website, and can be found here: <a href="https://www.health.nd.gov/epr/emergency-medical-systems/covid-19-ems/">https://www.health.nd.gov/epr/emergency-medical-systems/covid-19-ems/</a>
- Take care of yourself and your fellow responders. Take breaks, eat healthy, hydrate and rest.
- Keep in mind the ND Critical Incident Stress Management team is still available should the need arise during this time of crisis.

## New and Current Guidance/Items of Interest

- Here is a hand hygiene informational page for healthcare providers from the CDC. While this is non-COVID-19 specific, it points out the importance of something as simple as handwashing, even during 'normal' patient care.
- See an EMS1 article on how responders and healthcare can keep their families safe. Read it here.
- REMINDER \*All North Dakota Ambulances can transport COVID-19 patients from their local hospitals, if they have the proper PPE and training.
- Williston State College—Pearson Vue open for limited EMS cognitive testing.
- NREMT has announced that Remote Proctor Cognitive testing will be available in the coming weeks through distance learning solutions.
- CDC—PPE reminder when caring for patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 here.
- webinar COVID-19: Legal & Documentation Issues for EMS Practitioners -On demand: register here.
- ems.gov is offering a webinar for EMS providers: *EMS: Patient Care and Operations* on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>—register here.
- EMS Law COVID-19 update here.
- EMS1.com—CMS allows verbal consent to sign on behalf of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients <u>here.</u>

## Links

- NDDOH Website https://www.health.nd.gov/
- CDC Website <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</a>
- International Critical Incident Stress Foundation COVID-19 Resources: <a href="https://icisf.org/covid19-resources/">https://icisf.org/covid19-resources/</a>
- ND HAN Website <a href="http://hanassets.nd.gov/">http://hanassets.nd.gov/</a>
- EMS.gov Coronavirus/COVID-19 Resources <a href="https://www.ems.gov/projects/coronavirus\_covid-19">https://www.ems.gov/projects/coronavirus\_covid-19</a> resources.html
- COVID-19 Peak Predictions <a href="https://covid19.healthdata.org/projections">https://covid19.healthdata.org/projections</a>

Thank you again for all of your efforts on behalf of your fellow North Dakotans!

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